

Senate File 2321 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3101)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act excluding persons going armed with certain portable
2 devices or weapons that direct an electric current from
3 the criminal offense of carrying weapons under certain
4 circumstances.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 724.4, subsection 4, Code 2018, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. 1. A person who goes armed with a dangerous
4 weapon that directs an electric current, impulse, wave, or beam
5 that produces a high-voltage pulse designed to immobilize a
6 person, as long as such a dangerous weapon does not generate a
7 projectile that directs an electric current, impulse, wave, or
8 beam that produces a high-voltage pulse designed to immobilize
9 a person, and such a dangerous weapon is not used in the
10 commission of a public offense.

11 EXPLANATION

12 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
13 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

14 This bill excludes persons going armed with certain
15 portable devices or weapons that direct an electric current
16 from the criminal offense of carrying weapons under certain
17 circumstances.

18 Under the bill, a person does not commit the criminal offense
19 of carrying weapons if the person goes armed with a dangerous
20 weapon that directs an electric current, impulse, wave, or beam
21 that produces a high-voltage pulse designed to immobilize a
22 person, as long as such a dangerous weapon does not generate
23 a projectile that directs an electric current, impulse,
24 wave, or beam that produces a high-voltage pulse designed to
25 immobilize a person, and such dangerous weapon is not used in
26 the commission of a public offense.

27 Currently, such a person commits the criminal offense of
28 carrying weapons which is an aggravated misdemeanor. An
29 aggravated misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more
30 than two years and a fine of at least \$625 but not more than
31 \$6,250.